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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Patent Application of

**Tomoyuki Asano**Application No. **08/865,403**Filed: **May 29, 1997**For: **CHARGING SYSTEM AND  
CHARGING METHOD**

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Dear Sir:

Appellant hereby requests an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application. Appellant further submits herewith, in triplicate, Appellant's Reply Brief on Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b) in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on May 21, 2002.

Appellant submits a check in the amount of \$600.00, including the \$280.00 fee for the Request for Oral Hearing as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d), and the \$320.00 for the Reply Brief as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any deficiency in a required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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